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John Thomas, Director
Public Works Department
Shoshone County Public Works
700 Bank Street
Wallace, ID 83873

Re: Avery Landing – Cleanup of the Federal Highway Administration Highway 50
Right-of-Way

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The purpose of this letter is to summarize the removal action performed by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of the Western Federal Lands Highway Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on that portion of the Avery Landing Site Highway 50 right-of-way (ROW) which is owned by the United States and administered by the FHWA. FHWA entered into an agreement with EPA whereby FHWA funded EPA to perform the removal action on behalf of FHWA. FHWA also provided EPA with a construction package which EPA followed for construction of the roadway.

Work was performed by EPA on the highway ROW and other certain properties during the 2012 field season. From the highway ROW, approximately 396 cubic yards (yd³) of asphalt was removed and recycled off-site, and approximately 14,366 yd³ of clean overburden was removed and set aside for reuse as backfill material. The depth of contaminated material excavated from the eastern portion of the ROW extended to approximately 20 feet below ground surface (bgs), while the depth of excavation extended to approximately 17 feet bgs in the central portion and approximately 13 feet bgs in the western portion of the ROW. In total, approximately 13,327 yd³ of contaminated material was excavated from the highway ROW and transported off-site for disposal. The highway portion of the ROW was restored to the existing line and grade, and the excavated highway area and road surface was rebuilt to the plans and specifications furnished by FHWA. Approximately 21,817 yd³ of suitable material was obtained from off-site sources to reconstruct the roadway. The non-roadway portion of the ROW was backfilled with clean fill material.

Work was performed by Potlatch Corporation (Potlatch) and Potlatch Forest Products Corporation (PFPC) on properties owned by Potlatch/PFPC with oversight provided by EPA during the 2013 field season. Incidental to this work, contaminated material was encountered near the non-roadway western portion of the ROW. An estimated 275 yd³

of contaminated material was excavated from this area and was transported off-site for disposal. The excavation was backfilled with clean fill material.

In summary, the 2012 removal action on the Highway 50 ROW was performed by EPA in accordance with EPA project-related work plans and the specifications for construction provided in the FHWA construction package. The limited 2013 removal action on the Highway 50 ROW was performed by Potlatch/PFPC in accordance with work plans approved by EPA and with oversight provided by EPA. Site contaminants were removed from the Highway 50 ROW and others portions of the Site to the point that an unacceptable risk of exposure to human health or the environment no longer exists. This risk projection is based on the conditions and information known to EPA at the time of the cleanup work.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 208.651.8709 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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